

leader in Prince George's County, Maryland. He was 80 years old when he lost his battle to cancer on January 29.

Born in 1932 in Phenix City, Alabama, a stone's throw from Fort Benning, Edward dreamed even as a boy of serving his country in the U.S. Army. At age 13, he rode a freight train to Washington, DC, with his older brother Stephen to chase the dream of a better life, and he attended Spingarn High School. In 1950, at age 18, Edward volunteered for the U.S. Army and was sent to Korea, where he was wounded in both legs and expected to be paralyzed permanently.

With grit and hard work, Edward spent time in rehab at Walter Reed Army hospital and was able to walk again. Following his military service, he studied at the Veterans Vocational Institute, the Cortez Peters Business School, the LaSalle School of Accounting, and the George Washington University. With a penchant for math and a love of learning, Edward embarked on a career in business that would eventually lead him to become a successful small business owner and founder of the Best Value and Allen's Discount retail stores. He started it all by selling encyclopedias, vacuum cleaners, and insurance policies—and working at fast-food restaurants—until he could afford to start his own businesses.

Later, Edward started other successful businesses, including a casino that contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to help individuals in the community afford college and pursue opportunities for their families. He launched a non-profit to help disabled veterans like himself access their earned benefits and find jobs, and he donated so much food to the needy over the holidays that, over the years, he became known locally as the "Turkey Man."

I first came to know Edward in the 1970s, when I was working as a lawyer in Prince George's County. He was a cherished member of the community who was not only a man of business but a man of deep faith in God and faith in his fellow men and women. Edward was also a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle.

Edward married his wife Freida in 1962, and after 50 years together, she survives him. So does their daughter Gene and four sons: Kermit, Zach, Edward Jr., and Mike. He was also blessed with six grandchildren.

I join in mourning Edward's passing and in offering my condolences to Freida and their entire family. He will be missed by the entire Prince George's County community, and his generosity, big heart, and warm spirit will be long remembered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to airplane mechanical difficulties, I missed two recorded votes on February 4. I would like the Record to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On Roll Call No. 31, H.R. 225, the National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2013, I would have voted "yea" to allow the National Institutes of Health to establish a national pe-

diatric research network dedicated to finding treatments and cures for pediatric diseases and conditions, especially those that are rare. This legislation will only help to build upon a strong body of existing pediatric research to help our nation's children lead full, healthy lives.

On Roll Call No. 32, H.R. 297, the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, I would have voted "yea" to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and reauthorize appropriations to children's hospitals for expenses associated with graduate medical residency training programs. This legislation will help provide ongoing and consistent training of doctors and build our nation's pediatric physician workforce.

HONORING MR. JOHN EVANS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, a tenacious man from Nashville, Tennessee utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to ensure that citizens are provided helpful resources in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. John Evans is a renowned leader not only for the DeKalb County branch of the NAACP, but as a father and community leader in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. John Evans has served in many different roles throughout his life being a former DeKalb County Commissioner, a former Marta Board of Directors, a former player in the Negro Baseball League with the Indianapolis Clowns; he has worked in Corporate America as well as Main Street America being a strong advocate of justice, education, equality and family; and

Whereas, he has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that have and continues to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize John Evans for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of Georgia, his community temperament is to be acknowledged and his commitment to the citizens throughout the state continues to touch the lives of citizens in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 27, 2012 as John Evans Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of October, 2012.

MARKING ARCHBISHOP COLEMAN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of Archbishop

Coleman Carroll High School in Miami, Florida. Founded in 1998 and administered by the Carmelite Sisters, Carroll offers its students the opportunity to pursue a rich academic curriculum in an environment that fosters both intellectual and spiritual strength.

Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School has established itself as a school with a challenging and thorough academic program while forming a partnership between students, parents and teachers. This has fostered a family-centered environment that extends beyond the classroom and leads to the success of its students. As such, Carroll's alumni have gone on to some of our nation's most prestigious universities and are leaders in their communities.

Part of what has made Carroll such a successful school is its faculty's focus on ensuring that its students excel both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to its robust academics, Archbishop Coleman Carroll is home to an outstanding athletic program that has earned the Bulldogs numerous district and regional championships. Moreover, students at Carroll can participate in 18 different extracurricular clubs, nine honor societies and a campus ministry program designed to nurture faith and good values.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that Florida's 26th Congressional District is home to Archbishop Coleman Carroll, as well as most of its students and ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating its students, faculty and parents on its 15th anniversary.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF RAILWAY HISTORY IN MAGNOLIA

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community in my district. Magnolia, Texas, is celebrating 150 years of railway history with a new title—Train Town.

This designation from the Union Pacific Railroad will be official on Tuesday, February 12 when Union Pacific officials present the award to the Magnolia Historical Society, the City of Magnolia and the Greater Magnolia Chamber of Commerce.

It's fitting that the presentation will take place at Magnolia's historic Depot. While it may only be 110 years that the town has been officially called Magnolia, this community's rich history dates back to the mid-1800s. By the roaring twenties, Magnolia was a rail shipping center for everything from lumber to livestock and just about anything you could send on the rails.

Thank you, Union Pacific, for your efforts to recognize America's train history and these amazing train towns like Magnolia. Keeping a connection to our past is so important for our future.

Magnolia's historic Depot is located right in the heart of downtown at 426 Melton Street. In 2005, rather than tear it down to make way for a road expansion, it was carefully moved so it can continue to be a tangible link to Magnolia's rich heritage and a big part of the community we love.

Thanks to the Magnolia Historical Society, everyone who comes to the Depot can enjoy what the train city must have looked like and